

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-28 in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein. In addition, the Examiner is kindly requested to consider new Claims 29-49 which are likewise directed to the subject matter disclosed in the drawings and specification of this application.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claims 1-42 of U.S. patent No. 6,589,128 B2 and Claims 1-39 of U.S. Patent No. 6,679,799 B2.

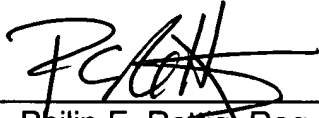
To overcome this rejection, Applicant has filed, contemporaneously with this Response, a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321. Accordingly, this basis for rejection of the claims, as applied to the original claims and possibly applied to the new claims, has been addressed and should now be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1240.

Respectfully submitted,

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